

contiguous amino acids of SEQ.ID.NO.1 a fragment thereof, or an epitope thereof.

19. The method according to claim 12 wherein the peptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ.ID.NO.3, a fragment thereof, or an epitope thereof.

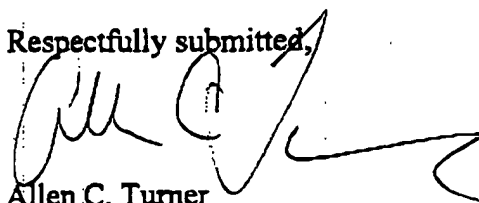
#### Remarks

The application is to be amended as previously set forth. The changes are generally made to more appropriately claim the invention in view of United States practice. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

#### Conclusion

In the event questions remain after consideration of these amendments, the Office is kindly requested to contact applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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